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To: Appropriations E;
Appropriations A

HOUSE BILL NO. 1770

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT AND
2 MAINTENANCE OF THE MISSISSIPPI LIBRARY COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL
3 YEAR 2026.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

5 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
6 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General
7 Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the support and maintenance
8 of the Mississippi Library Commission and for carrying out the
9 provisions of Section 39-3-107, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the
10 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026
11\$ 10,946,838.00.

12 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
13 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in
14 the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Library
15 Commission which is comprised of special source funds collected by
16 or otherwise available to the commission, for the purpose of
17 defraying the expenses of the commission for the fiscal year
18 beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....



19\$ 4,863,028.00.

20 **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
21 this act, the following positions are authorized:

22 AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

23 Permanent: 48

24 Time-Limited: 1

25 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's
26 responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal
27 Services for Fiscal Year 2027 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2026 funds
28 appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are
29 added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2026 budget by the Mississippi
30 Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's
31 personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board
32 shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may
33 consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year
34 2026 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2025
35 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that
36 the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount
37 and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments
38 or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current
39 employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee
40 salary falls below the minimum salary established by the
41 Mississippi State Personnel Board.

42 Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and
43 publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current



44 employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to
45 ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2026 do
46 not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If
47 the agency's Fiscal Year 2026 projected cost exceeds the
48 annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the
49 State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be
50 essential for the agency.

51 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
52 the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or
53 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
54 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written
55 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The
56 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
57 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions
58 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
59 appropriated level.

60 No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be
61 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for
62 salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are
63 withdrawn and no longer available.

64 None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in
65 violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A
66 relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as
67 interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.



68 **SECTION 4.** Funds to be distributed to eligible public
69 library systems under the Personnel Incentive Grants Program shall
70 be paid quarterly in advance on or before September 30, December
71 31, March 31 and June 30.

72 **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
73 Mississippi Library Commission shall maintain complete accounting
74 and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds
75 appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the
76 same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year
77 2025. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the
78 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2027 shall be submitted to
79 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of
80 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided
81 during the Fiscal Year 2026 budget request process.

82 **SECTION 6.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
83 Section 2, Four Hundred Ninety-three Thousand Eight Hundred
84 Forty-seven Dollars (\$493,847.00) shall be derived from the
85 Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75
86 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

87 **SECTION 7.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Three
88 Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000.00) or so much thereof as
89 may be necessary, is derived from the Education Enhancement Fund
90 pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of
91 1972, for MAGNOLIA.



SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that no less than One Million Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,350,000.00) shall be expended for the Magnolia Database.

SECTION 9. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

	FY2026
<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
Administrative Services	
Number of Help Desk Tickets Resolved	1,150
Library Services	
Number of Continuing Education Workshops	
Held per Year	40
Number of Library Visits by Commission Staff	175
Number of Patrons Utilizing Braille,	
Audio, Etc	2,500
Number of Children Participating in	
Statewide Summer Library Prg	100,000
Number of Items Borrowed and Loaned on	
the Interlibrary Loan System	10,000
Number of Items Available for Use	



117	Statewide on the Interlibrary Loan	
118	System	5,000,000
119	Number of Searches on MAGNOLIA	35,000,000
120	Number of Items Available for Use at MLC	
121	(Primary Resource Library)	100,000

122 A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets
123 set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the
124 agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget
125 Committee for Fiscal Year 2027.

126 **SECTION 10.** Of the funds appropriated herein, Four Million
127 Eight Hundred Two Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-nine Dollars
128 (\$4,802,939.00) is provided for the cost of health insurance for
129 all full-time library staff members in each public library in
130 Mississippi.

131 **SECTION 11.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
132 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
133 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
134 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
135 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
136 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
137 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
138 made without competitive bids.

139 **SECTION 12.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
140 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with
141 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency



shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 13. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 14. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2025.

